

The Board of Dentistry is now under the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL).

During the 2020 legislative session, House Bill 318 changed the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licensing (IBOL) to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses and authorized the Governor to reorganize the self-governing agencies in Idaho. On June 3, 2020, Governor Brad Little issued Executive Order 2020-10 consolidating 11 separate self-governing agencies into the new Division to promote consistency and efficiency across the regulation of professional and occupational licensing across Idaho.

The former 11 agencies that are now part of DOPL include:

- Board of Accountancy
- Board of Pharmacy
- Board of Veterinary Medicine
- Division of Building Safety and its constituent boards: Building Code Board, Electrical Board, Public Works Contractors License Board, Plumbing Board, Public Works Construction Management, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Board, and Factory Built Structures Advisory Board.
- Real Estate Commission
- Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors
- Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board
- Board of Dentistry
- Board of Medicine and its advisory boards: Physician Assistant Advisory Committee, Board of Athletic Trainers, Dietetic Licensure Board, Respiratory Therapy Licensure Board, and Naturopathic Medical Board
- Board of Nursing
- Bureau of Occupational Licenses

Temporary Administrative Rules

As you may have heard in the news, the Idaho Senate adjourned sine die on May 12, 2021, while the House recessed subject to the call of the Speaker. The Attorney General's office noted that this scenario is unique and without precedent in Idaho. This action placed the state's administrative rules in a precarious state. Because of this the Board held a special meeting on June 8, 2021, to rescind their existing temporary rule chapter and adopt a temporary omnibus rule chapter effective July 1, 2021. The temporary rules are available on the Board's website. To view these rules:

- Visit www.isbd.idaho.gov
- Select the Statutes & Administrative Rules tab on the left of the screen
- Select the link for Administrative Rules

New Continuing Education Requirement for Dental Hygienists

As of July 1, 2021, all active status dental hygienists will be required to report thirty (30) hours of continuing education during the biennial renewal period. This is an increase of six (6) total hours every two years. Dental hygienists holding an extended access endorsement will no longer be required to report the four (4) additional continuing education credits to maintain the endorsement.

Minimal Sedation Rules

There has been concern expressed regarding the administration of minimal sedation to patients in Idaho. If you administer minimal sedation to patients please review the minimal sedation rules as stated in Administrative Rule 24.31.01.043.

043. MINIMAL SEDATION. Persons licensed to practice dentistry may administer minimal sedation to patients of sixteen (16) years of age or older. When the intent is minimal sedation, the appropriate dosing of a single enteral drug is no more than the maximum FDA-recommended dose for unmonitored home use. In cases where the patient weighs less than one hundred (100) pounds, or is under the age of sixteen (16) years, minimal sedation may be administered without a permit by use of nitrous oxide, or with a single enteral dose of a sedative agent administered in the dental office.

01. Patient Safety. The administration of minimal sedation is permissible so long as it does not produce an alteration of the state of consciousness in a patient to the level of moderate sedation, general anesthesia, or deep sedation. A dentist must qualify for and obtain a permit from the Board to be authorized to sedate patients to the level of moderate sedation, general anesthesia, or deep sedation. Nitrous oxide/oxygen may be used in combination with a single enteral drug in minimal sedation, except as described in Section 043 of these rules. Notwithstanding any other provision in these rules, a dentist must initiate and regulate the administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen when used in combination with minimal sedation.

02. Personnel. At least one (1) additional person currently certified in BLS must be present in addition to the dentist.

Please contact the Board of Dentistry if you have any questions regarding any of this information.

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